

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) The refrigerator according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 10, wherein said prescribed course controls a monotonic fall or rise of said target temperature.
3. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator according to claim 2, wherein said prescribed course controls a temperature change at a constant rate on average until the final temperature is reached.
4. (Currently amended) The refrigerator according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 10, wherein each step is with a constant level during that step.
5. (Currently amended) The refrigerator according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 10, which further comprises an operating element associated with said control element for permitting a user to specify the final temperature at an end of said prescribed course.
6. (Currently amended) The refrigerator according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 10, which further comprises an operating element associated with said control element for permitting a user to specify a mean rate of change of said target temperature during said prescribed course.
7. (Original) The refrigerator according to claim 3, wherein said rate is between 0.5 and 3 K/h.
8. (Original) The refrigerator according to claim 6, wherein said rate is between 0.5 and 3 K/h.

9. (Currently amended) The refrigerator according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 10, which further comprises a display element for indicating that an end of said prescribed course has been achieved.

10. (Currently amended) ~~The refrigerator according to claim 1, including A refrigerator for changing the temperature of wine from a starting temperature to a final temperature, comprising:~~

a housing surrounding at least one interior space for receiving a container of wine;

a low temperature generator for cooling said interior space;

a control device for receiving a target value signal and controlling a temperature of said interior space to a target temperature represented by said target value signal, by controlling operation of said low temperature generator;

a control element sending said target value signal to said control device with a level varying according to a prescribed course to the final temperature, wherein said prescribed course includes a number of steps; and

at least a first and a second interior space and said low temperature generator is coupled to both of said interior spaces and the temperature within each of said interior spaces is controlled independently.

11. (Currently amended) ~~The refrigerator according to claim 1, including A refrigerator for changing the temperature of wine from a starting temperature to a final temperature, comprising:~~

a housing surrounding at least one interior space for receiving a container of wine;

a low temperature generator for cooling said interior space;

a control device for receiving a target value signal and controlling a temperature of said interior space to a target temperature represented by said target value signal, by controlling operation of said low temperature generator;

a control element sending said target value signal to said control device with a level varying according to a prescribed course to the final temperature, wherein said prescribed course includes a number of steps; and

at least a first and a second interior space and a heating temperature generator coupled to both of said interior spaces and the temperature within each of said interior spaces is controlled independently.

12. (Currently amended) The refrigerator according to claim 1, including A refrigerator for changing the temperature of wine from a starting temperature to a final temperature, comprising:

a housing surrounding at least one interior space for receiving a container of wine;

a low temperature generator for cooling said interior space;

a control device for receiving a target value signal and controlling a temperature of said interior space to a target temperature represented by said target value signal, by controlling operation of said low temperature generator;

a control element sending said target value signal to said control device with a level varying according to a prescribed course to the final temperature, wherein said prescribed course includes a number of steps; and

at least a first and a second interior space and said low temperature generator coupled to both of said interior spaces and a heating temperature generator coupled to both of said interior spaces, only one of said low temperature generator and said heating temperature generator operationally coupled to said first and second interior spaces at one time.

13. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator according to claim 12, including an operating element associated with said control element for permitting a user to specify the final temperature at an end of said prescribed course for either or both of said low temperature generator and said heating temperature generator.

14. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator according to claim 13, including an operating element associated with said control element for permitting a user to specify a mean rate of change of said target temperature during said prescribed course for either or both of said low temperature generator and said heating temperature generator.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) The device according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 10, wherein the prescribed course controls a monotonic change of the target temperature including a number of steps having a substantially constant level during each step.

17. (Currently amended) The device according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 10, further comprising a user interface and display element connected to the control element and receiving a user input for the final temperature.

18. (Currently amended) The device according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 10, further comprising a user interface and display element connected to the control element and receiving a user input for the rate change.

Claims 19 and 20 (Canceled)